

February 15, 2001

Our Reference: WA-TX0240.90.R1

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Texas Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0240.90 (HCS-O) has been approved with an effective date of March 1, 2001. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, assures continuity of community services for former nursing facility residents with mental retardation or related conditions who are found, through the PASARR process mandated by OBRA 1987, to require services at the level of an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0240.90.R1.01 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, the amendment reduces the geographic service area by twenty-two counties (Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Anderson, Cherokee, Harris, Nueces, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk and Upshur). Recipients living in these counties will be served under the State's Mental Retardation Local Authority Program, HCBSW 0330.

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment are included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations